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Miss Eleanor Macdonald, Director of Epidemiology at the M. D. Anderson Hospital in Houston, has submitted to us an application for a grant to complete the processing of certain comprehensive data on cancer incidence in Texas. The amount is \$46,730.00 and a description of the work contemplated is enclosed. The data in question were collected under a grant obtained from the Regional Medical Program, an arm of HEW. A total of over \$1,500,000 had been spent collecting this data when support was terminated in June of 1969 (presumably because of a shortage of funds).

A request to CTR for funds to complete the work was rejected recently despite the strong support of Dr. Robert Hockett. I have been told that other projects were, for various reasons, given higher priorities but that the failure to fund was no reflection on Miss Macdonald's work.

Various government agencies have been unable or unwilling to supply funds to Miss Macdonald to complete the processing of this bank of data. However, several of these agencies seem anxious for Miss Macdonald to turn the data over to them for processing. Miss Macdonald would be quite willing to do this if she were confident the data would be properly handled. She does not have this confidence.

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